

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An interconnect device particularly for connection and/or linking terminals arranged in a line, comprising a first and a second interconnect comb which are arranged facing each other and each comprise a linking bar and teeth which extend more or less perpendicularly from the linking bar, the device comprising elastic teeth and rigid teeth, characterized in that the teeth of each of the first and second combs are alternately rigid and elastic, and in that the elastic teeth and the rigid teeth of the first comb are situated respectively facing the rigid teeth and the elastic teeth of the second comb.

2. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the teeth of the first and second combs are all made of an electrically conducting material.

3. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the elastic teeth each comprise a base portion and an end portion which make an obtuse angle between them.

4. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the base portion makes an angle with the plane in which the linking bar lies.

5. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the elastic teeth each comprise a depression the length of which is short by comparison with the length of the teeth, which faces away from the rigid tooth opposite and extends over the base and end portions.

6. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the rigid teeth are of concave cross section, the concave side facing towards the elastic tooth opposite.

7. (Currently Amended) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the elastic teeth and the rigid teeth each have free ends which converge towards the teeth opposite, rigid teeth and elastic teeth, of the other interconnect comb, respectively.

8. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the linking bars of the first and second combs are formed together as an integral part, being folded over one onto the other.

9. (Previously Presented) The interconnect device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the first and second combs are made of a copper-containing alloy.